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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventors: Yukihiro INOUE Art Unit: 2811  
Application No. 09/768,556 Examiner: S. Gebremariam  
Filed: 09/768,556  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

PETITION UNDER MPEP 710.06

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The Applicants respectfully petition to restart the previously set period for reply to the Office Action dated December 28, 2001 to run from the date of receipt, January 29, 2002, of the Office Action at the correspondence address.

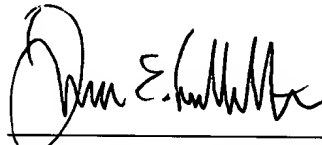
The requirements of MPEP 710.06 are met as follows. The Office Action was received on January 29, 2002. More than one month of the response period had elapsed on the date of receipt. Attached hereto is a copy of the first page of the Office Action showing a receipt date from the USPTO of January 29, 2002.

The evidence presented herein establishes the date of receipt of the Office Action at the correspondence address of record because it is the practice of the undersigned's law firm to date stamp the first page of PTO communications on the day they are

received. Attached is a copy of a letter recently mailed to the undersigned by the Commissioner of Patents noting difficulties relating to delayed deliveries of mail since mid-October 2001.

Accordingly, restarting of the previously set period for reply to the Office Action dated December 28, 2001 to run from the date of receipt, January 29, 2002, of the Office Action at the correspondence address is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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